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grafted to the main chain, wherein the grafted silicone polymer is a polymer with a polysiloxane backbone grafted by at least one non-silicone organic monomer.

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2. (Amended) A method of tightening the skin comprising applying onto skin a composition comprising at least one grafted silicone polymer comprising a polysiloxane portion and a portion comprising a non-silicone organic chain, one of the two portions constituting a main chain of the polymer and the other being grafted to the main chain, wherein the grafted silicone polymer is a polymer with a polysiloxane backbone grafted by at least one non-silicone organic monomer.

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3. (Amended) A method for removing wrinkles comprising apply onto skin a composition comprising at least one grafted silicone polymer comprising a polysiloxane portion and a portion comprising a non-silicone organic chain, one of the two portions constituting a main chain of the polymer and the other being grafted to the main chain, wherein the grafted silicone polymer is a polymer with a polysiloxane backbone grafted by at least one non-silicone organic monomer.

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11. (Amended) The method of any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the grafted silicone polymer is prepared by the radical copolymerization of at least one anionic non-silicone organic monomer having an ethylenic unsaturation and/or at least one hydrophobic non-silicone organic monomer having an ethylenic unsaturation, and a silicone having, in its chain, at least one functional group capable of reacting with the ethylenic unsaturation of the non-silicone monomer, thereby forming a covalent bond.

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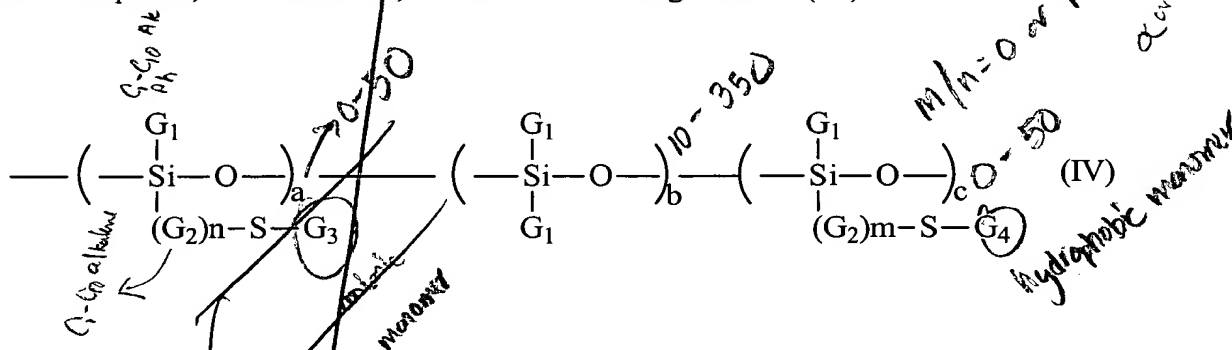
12. (Amended) The method of Claim 11, wherein the anionic monomer having an ethylenic unsaturation is selected from the group consisting of linear or branched unsaturated carboxylic acid, optionally partially or completely neutralized in the form of a salt, and their mixtures.

13. (Amended) The method of Claim 12, wherein the unsaturated carboxylic acid is selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, maleic acid, maleic anhydride, itaconic acid, fumaric acid and crotonic acid.

14. (Amended) The method of Claim 11, wherein the hydrophobic monomer having ethylenic unsaturation is selected from the group consisting of alkanol acrylic acid esters, alkanol methacrylic acid esters, and mixtures thereof.

15. (Amended) The method of Claim 14, wherein the hydrophobic monomer having ethylenic unsaturation is selected from the group consisting of isooctyl (meth) acrylate, isononyl (meth) acrylate, 2-ethylhexyl (meth)acrylate, lauryl (meth) acrylate, isopentyl (meth)acrylate, n-butyl (meth)acrylate, isobutyl (meth) acrylate, methyl (meth)acrylate, tert-butyl (meth) acrylate, tridecyl (meth) acrylate, stearyl (meth) acrylate and mixtures thereof.

16. (Amended) The method of any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the grafted silicone polymer comprises, in its structure, the unit of following formula (IV):



in which the  $\text{G}_1$  groups, which are identical or different, represent hydrogen or a  $\text{C}_1\text{---C}_{10}$  alkyl group or alternatively a phenyl group; the  $\text{G}_2$  groups, which are identical or different, represent a  $\text{C}_1\text{---C}_{10}$  alkylene group;  $\text{G}_3$  represents a polymeric group prepared by the (homo)polymerization of at least one anionic monomer with ethylenic unsaturation;  $\text{G}_4$  represents a polymeric group prepared by the (homo)polymerization of at least one hydrophobic monomer with ethylenic unsaturation; m and n are, independently of one

another, equal to 0 or 1; a is an integer ranging from 0 to 50; b is an integer which can be between 10 and 350 and c is an integer ranging from 0 and 50, with the proviso that one of the parameters a and c is other than 0.

17. (Amended) The method of Claim 16, wherein the unit of formula (IV) has at least one of the following:

- $G_1$  is a  $C_{1-10}$  alkyl group;
- n is not zero and  $G_2$  is a divalent  $C_1-C_3$  group;
- $G_3$  is a polymeric group prepared by the (homo) polymerization of at least one monomer comprising a carboxylic acid group and having ethylenic unsaturation;
- $G_4$  is a polymeric group prepared by the (homo) polymerization of at least one ( $C_1-C_{10}$ ) alkyl (meth) acrylate monomer.

18. (Amended) The method of Claim 17, wherein the grafted silicone polymer corresponding to the formula (IV) is a polydimethylsiloxane to which are grafted, via a thiopropylene connecting link, mixed polymer units comprising poly ((meth)acrylic acid) and poly (alkyl (meth) acrylate).

19. (Amended) The method of any one of Claims 1-3, wherein the grafted silicone polymer comprises from 0.03 to 25% of the total weight of the composition.

21. (Amended) A composition comprising, in a physiologically acceptable medium, at least one grafted silicone polymer comprising a polysiloxane portion and portion composed of a non-silicone organic chain, one of the two portions constituting the main chain of the polymer and the other being grafted to the said main chain and one or more lipolytic, slimming, firming, antiglycant and/or vasoprotective compounds.

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22. (Amended) The composition of Claim 20 or 21, wherein the compounds are selected from the group consisting of: a horse chestnut extract, an ivy extract, a butcher's broom extract, a *Bupleurum chinensis* extract, an algal extract, caffeine and rutinyl salts.

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Please cancel without prejudice Claims 4-10 and 23.

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Please add new Claims 24-26 as follows:

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(MDO) 24. (New) The method of Claim 17, wherein the unit of formula (IV) has all of the following characteristics:

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- $G_1$  is a  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl group;
  - $n$  is not zero and  $G_2$  is a divalent  $C_1$ - $C_3$  group;
  - $G_3$  is a polymeric group prepared by the (homo polymerization of at least one monomer comprising a carboxylic acid group and having ethylenic unsaturation;
  - $G_4$  is a polymeric group prepared by the (homo)polymerization of at least one ( $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ ) alkyl (meth) acrylate monomer.

25. (New) The method of any one of Claims 1-3, wherein the grafted silicone polymer comprises from 0.3 to 6% of the total weight of the composition.

26. (New) The method of any one of Claims 1-3, wherein the grafted silicone polymer comprises approximately 2% of the total weight of the composition.

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#### SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

The amendments to the claims are supported by the claims as originally filed. No new matter is believed to be added by entry of these amendments. Claims 1-3, 11-19, 21, 22, and 24-26 are active.